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NRC TO MEET WITH TVA OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS SAFETY PERFORMANCE AT SEQUOYAH NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with Tennessee Valley Authority officials on Wednesday, April 21, to discuss the results of NRC's annual assessment of safety performance at the Sequoyah nuclear power plant near Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sequoyah nuclear training center, located near the site. The public is invited to observe the meeting, and NRC officials will be available before the conclusion of the meeting to answer any questions.

The NRC says TVA operated the plant safely during the previous year, and the NRC will conduct normal inspections at Sequoyah as a result of the assessment.

The NRC said it will also conduct additional inspections to follow up on industry issues related to possible reactor containment building sump blockage, reactor pressure vessel lower head penetrations and spent fuel material control and accountability, along with Sequoyah's Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFI) project. Inspections related to security orders and any changes in security requirements will also be conducted in addition to the normal inspection program.

A letter from the NRC to TVA is available from Region II Public Affairs and on the NRC web site at www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/seq_2003q4.pdf.

Current performance indicators for the two units at the Sequoyah plant are available at www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/SEQ1/seq1_chart.html and www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/SEQ2/seq2_chart.html

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